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FREE-FLOWING PARTICULATE PHASE STABILIZED AMMONIUM

NITRATE

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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116(b)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

(Twice amended) A process for preparing a free-1. flowing, phase-stabilized ammonium nitrate, said process comprising the following steps:

preparing a solution of ammonium nitrate, a surfactant, an inert liquid, and an ammonium nitrate phase stabilizer, said ammonium nitrate, said surfactant, and said phase stabilizer being soluble in said inert liquid, the